



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

APPLICANT(S) : Paul D. Stephens, et al.

TITLE : VACUUM CLEANER WITH NOISE SUPPRESSION FEATURES

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**AMENDMENT B**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to a Non-Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, on the above-referenced application. It is accompanied by a Request for a One Month Extension of Time, a Terminal Disclaimer, and a Declaration under Rule 37 CFR 1.131. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.